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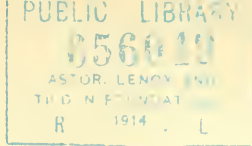
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THE founders of the three American branches of the De Blois family were Stephen<sup>2</sup> De Blois, who was born at Oxford, England, 24 July 1699 (*vide infra*, 2), and the two brothers Stephen,<sup>3</sup> Jr., and George<sup>3</sup> De Blois, who were born at Oxford in 1735 and 1740 respectively, sons of George,<sup>2</sup> who was born at Oxford in 1710. (*Vide infra*, 3, 6, and 7.) Stephen<sup>2</sup> lived first in New York, and then permanently in Boston; Stephen,<sup>3</sup> Jr., lived finally at Newport, R. I.; and George,<sup>3</sup> commonly called "George, Sr.," lived first at Salem, Mass., and then at Halifax, Nova Scotia. With Stephen,<sup>3</sup> Jr., at Newport, lived also his sister Mary ("Polly"), who was born about 1743, and died unmarried at Newport, 11 Dec. 1818, aged 75. In America the name of the family has almost without exception been spelled either Deblois or De Blois, though in the earliest mention of Stephen De Blois in the records of King's Chapel his name is given as Dublois. In the entry which he made in his Bible, as also in signing as a witness Governor Burnet's will and signing his own will, Stephen spelled his name clearly Deblois, and to this spelling many of his descendants have adhered. The name of his second son Stephen spelled Lewis, not Louis, though it is probable that the first Oxford ancestor of the family when he came to England spelled his name in the continental way. The ancient family Bible of Stephen De Blois is a treasured possession of Dr. Thomas Amory De Blois of Boston.

1. LOUIS<sup>1</sup> DE BLOIS, or LEWIS DE BLOIS, of Oxford, England, according to De Blois family tradition came to England as a Huguenot refugee as early as 1688, and was in King William's forces at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. Beyond this tradition, which has not been verified, nothing whatever is known of his origin, except that it was undoubtedly French. Records of St. Clement's Parish, Oxford, state that his first wife, MARTHA, was buried at Oxford 24 June 1698, having borne her husband five children. The name of the second wife is not known, nor is it known when she died, but she bore her husband seven children. Louis de Blois was buried at Oxford in June 1739.

Children by first wife:

- i. MARY,<sup>2</sup> bapt. 25 Oct. 1688.
- ii. WILLIAM, bapt. 17 Feb. 1689/90.
- iii. ABRAHAM.
- iv. LEWIS.
- v. CONSTANCE, bapt. 22 June 1698.

## Children by second wife :

2. vi. STEPHEN, b. 24 July 1699.
  - vii. FRANCIS.
  - viii. SAMUEL, bapt. 9 July 1704; d. 1799.
  - ix. SECUNDUS.
  - x. LEZEE.
  3. xi. GEORGE, b. 1710.
  - xii. JANE.
2. STEPHEN<sup>2</sup> DE BLOIS (*Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born at Oxford 24 July 1699, and baptized in St. Clement's Parish 21 July 1700, came to New York in Sept. 1720 in the ship *Seahorse*, commanded by Capt. Philip Dumaresq, in the retinue of Governor William Burnet. He married in New York, 16 Feb. 1721, ANN FURLEY, who was also in the household of Burnet and had come in the same ship with her future husband. Within the precincts of Fort George at New York, where Governor Burnet kept his stately court, their three children were born. Governor Burnet's removal to Massachusetts in July 1728 undoubtedly caused the transfer of the family to Boston, where Stephen De Blois connected himself, as did his patron the Governor, with the parish of King's Chapel. The earliest written record thus far found of Stephen De Blois is his signature as a witness to the will of Governor Burnet in New York in 1727, and the next is a vote of the vestry of King's Chapel on Easter Monday, 26 Mar. 1733. "That M<sup>r</sup> Dublois be Organist for the year ensuing, at Forty pounds Salary." In the ledger of King's Chapel, also, is the following entry: "1733 July 2. . . . M<sup>r</sup> Steph<sup>n</sup> Dublois, for 1 quarter Sallery to 25th June 170.00.00." It was voted, 30 Mar. 1741, by the vestry of the Chapel, that "Stephen De Blois, Organist," should receive "ye Same Sallery as last year: p £50." On 11 Apr. 1748, "Steph<sup>n</sup> Deblois, Organist," is said to have been paid "in full of his year's Sallery Nov. 35.10.00." (*Annals of King's Chapel*, vol. 1, pp. 421, 524, and vol. 2, p. 162)\* The first mention found of Stephen De Blois in property records is in Mar. 1736, when he takes a mortgage from Michael Asher, a tobacco and snuff manufacturer, on property situated at Chambers and Lynde Streets, including the snuff-mill and the stock of tobacco and manufactured snuff which it contains.

From the register of King's Chapel it appears that Mrs. Ann (Furley) De Blois died 4 July 1762, aged 75, her funeral being held three days later.

Stephen De Blois's will, dated 10 Aug. 1777 and proved 26 June 1778, mentions his sons Gilbert and Lewis; his daughter Sarah Wallis and her husband William Wait Wallis; the children, William, Elizabeth, Lewis, Francis, John, and Stephen, of his son Gilbert; the children, George, Sarah, Lewis, and Gilbert, of his son Lewis; his daughter Sarah Wallis's daughter Sarah; and his brother George in Oxford, and his sister Twycroft, presumably also in Oxford, both of whom had children. At the time of the making

\* Governor Burnet's will was made in New York, but was proved in Boston, where he died. The Governor's fondness for music is shown by the fact that in the long inventory of his effects are mentioned a large bass violin, two "trible" violins, a "harpsicord," a "clapsicord," a "double courtell," a "large violine or tenor fiddle," and two brass trumpets. It is interesting to know that Stephen De Blois, a member of the Governor's household, was so much a musician that as early as 1733 he became organist of King's Chapel.

of his will both his sons were refugees in England, and he pathetically mentions the improbability of his ever seeing them again. In their absence he appoints his nephew Stephen De Blois of Newport, R. I., Mr. John Timmins of Boston, merchant, his son-in-law William Wait Wallis, and his daughter Sarah Wallis as his executors. If his sons, however, return before his estate is settled, he prescribes that they also shall be added to the list.\* He and his wife are probably buried under King's Chapel in the De Blois tomb (tomb No. 11), which was built and owned jointly by his sons Gilbert and Lewis.

Children :

- i. SARAH,<sup>3</sup> b. 22 Apr. 1723; m. at Boston 28 Apr. 1743 WILLIAM WAIT WALLIS, son of Thomas and Grace (Wait), b. 14 Jan. 1721. She had children, one of whom, *Ann*, d. 27 Aug. 1748, aged 4 yrs., 4 mos., and 1 day, and another, *Sarah*, was living in 1777.
  4. ii. GILBERT, b. 15 Mar. 1725.
  5. iii. LEWIS, b. 9 Sept. 1727.
3. GEORGE<sup>2</sup> DE BLOIS (*Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born at Oxford in 1710, married ELIZABETH ———, who died at Oxford 17 Aug. 1780, aged 77. He died at Oxford in 1799. How many children he had is not known; but there were three who came to America, and there was also an Elizabeth who lived at Oxford and died there unmarried.

Children, born at Oxford :

6. i. STEPHEN,<sup>3</sup> b. 1735.
  7. ii. GEORGE, called "Sr.," b. 6 Mar. 1739/40.
  - iii. MARY, b. abt. 1743; lived at Newport, R. I., with her brother Stephen; d. unm. 11 Dec. 1818, aged 75. She is buried in Trinity Churchyard, where her inscription may still be seen.
  - iv. ELIZABETH, lived and d. at Oxford.
4. GILBERT<sup>3</sup> DE BLOIS (*Stephen*<sup>2</sup>, *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born in New York 15 Mar. 1725, between five and six o'clock at night, was undoubtedly named for Gilbert Burnet, the Governor's son. He married in Boston, 17 Feb. 1749, ANN COFFIN, fifth child of William and Ann (Holmes), who was born 15 Dec. 1730. Mrs. De Blois was a sister of Nathaniel Coffin, father of Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin, Bart., and also of Elizabeth Coffin, wife of Thomas Amory of Boston. Surviving her husband, she made her will 18 June 1807, and died in Dec. 1808.

Of the apprenticeship of Gilbert De Blois nothing is known, but in early manhood he became a successful importer of hardware and other foreign goods, for many years advertising conspicuously in the Boston newspapers. In 1756 his chief place of business was at the "Sign of the Crown and Comb," near the prison, in Queen Street; then for some years he had his warehouse at the head of Green's Wharf. In 1764, however, he abandoned the latter stand for a store at the lower end of King Street, on the south side, "adjoining Mr. James Apthorp's." During the smallpox epidemic in this same year he removed part of his large stock of hardware,

\*The will of Stephen De Blois seems to be in his own, a strong, clear, English handwriting, and is signed "Stephen Deblois," and endorsed: "The last will of me, Stephen Deblois. Not to be open'd till after my Buriel." It begins: "I Stephen Deblois of Boston in the County of Suffolk and province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Gentleman." He divides his silver plate among his three children. The name of his nephew Stephen of Newport he spells as he does his own name, "Deblois."

groceries, and liquors to Weston, where he had "a commodious shop and store adjoining the house of Mr. Josiah Smith, inn holder (on the great road to Worcester), at the Sign of the Half-Moon, near the Meeting House." (*Post Boy and Advertiser*, March 19, 1764.) In 1773 he had a shop opposite School Street, near the late Rev. Dr. Sewall's meeting-house. Last of all he had a shop at No. 1 Cornhill.

His latest dwelling-house was on Tremont Street, at the north corner of Bromfield Street, the whole property having been purchased by him in Jan. 1774 from Mr. John Timmins. With its fine garden about it, the house stood until it was burned, shortly before Aug. 1840, the property passing then by sale to Mr. Charles H. Eldredge. In 1865 Horticultural Hall was built on the site of the ancient house. In the Revolution this valuable property was confiscated, but Mrs. De Blois was soon afterwards permitted to buy it back. There this lady lived, and there her daughter, "Miss Betsey," also lived, probably until the house was burned.

Gilbert De Blois planted the so-called "Paddock elms" in front of the Granary Burying-Ground, buying them from Mr. James Smith, the wealthy sugar-baker and a warden of King's Chapel in 1722, who had imported them from England and placed them in his nursery at Brush Hill, Milton. In return for the trees he promised to name and did name a son for James Smith. (Letters of James Murray, Loyalist, Boston, 1901.)

Gilbert and his brother Lewis De Blois petitioned, 15 May 1754, for the widening of Queen (Court) Street, because they had bought a piece of land at the corner of Hanover and Queen Streets, two or three years before, and had since built a brick house there. They had given some of their own land to widen Hanover Street. (Boston Records, vol. 14, pp. 258, 261.) The building afterwards long known as "Concert Hall" was conveyed, 30 Sept. 1754, by Gilbert and Lewis De Blois, braziers, to Stephen De Blois, their father, for £2000 lawful money. In 1769 this property was sold by Stephen De Blois to William Turner, gentleman, for £1000 sterling, Turner at the same time mortgaging it to De Blois. It afterwards passed to the Amory family.\* (Drake, *History and Antiquities of Boston*, pp. 641, 642.) Until the Revolution Gilbert De Blois's name appears in many records of transfer of real estate in Boston.

In 1774 he was an addresser of Hutchinson and in 1775 of Gage, being called a "shop-keeper in Cornhill." In Mar. 1776, with a family of four, he went to Halifax with Howe's fleet, and from there, probably in May, he sailed for England with other Loyalists. In 1778 he was proscribed and banished as an enemy of the state. In 1779, as one of a group of expatriated Loyalists in London, he addressed the King. Whether his wife Ann left Boston with him for Halifax is not known, but if she did she soon returned, and

\* Concert Hall, a writer for a newspaper has stated, "was enlarged by Mr. Amory. The front hall, on the second story, was 60 by 30 feet; it was admired for its correct proportions and the richness of its architecture. In 1817 it was not only the best, but the largest, hall in Boston. The entrance was on Pemberton Hill, now Court Street. Its basement, on Hanover Street, was occupied by Peter Brigham, oysterman, who opened and sold fourteen oysters for fourpence, half-penny ( $6\frac{1}{2}$  cents), that being a Spanish coin, the only silver money of that day. From this humble occupation and by prudence in affairs he became owner of Concert Hall, and laid the foundation of his large fortune, the major part of which he bequeathed to the poor of Boston."

until her death she retained the oversight of her husband's business in Boston. In 1789 Gilbert De Blois revisited Boston for the marriage of his son Lewis with Ruth Hooper Dalton, and also, no doubt, to make his will, which bears date 3 June 1789, and was proved in Boston 28 Feb. 1792.

He returned to England, probably in the late autumn of 1789, and died at Peckham, a suburb of London, 27 Nov. 1791, aged 65. He was probably buried in London. The notice of his death in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. 61, part 2, p. 1161, describes him as "Mr. Gilbert De Blois, late of Boston, New England, mercht."

He first appointed as executors of his will Oliver Smith, George De Blois of Boston, and Mr. Lewis De Blois, his brother, of London. But 11 Nov. 1789 he substituted for these his sons Lewis of New York and Stephen of Portland. In his will he mentions his wife Ann; his children Gilbert, William, Elizabeth, Lewis, Stephen, and James Smith; his nephew George, "of Boston"; and his brother Lewis, in London. Among his bequests were his pews in King's Chapel and Trinity Church. The agent appointed by the court, 29 Jan. 1779, to care for his estate, because of his absence in England, was Dr. Thomas Bulfinch, the well-known physician, who performed similar service for many other expatriated Loyalists, his old friends and fellow-worshippers at King's Chapel.

Gilbert De Blois was long one of the most prominent supporters of King's Chapel, his family from their first coming to Boston having worshipped in this church. For many years, until his death, he owned pews Nos. 20 and 72, and he owned two pews in Trinity Church. He was a vestryman of King's Chapel from 1763 to 1776, and a warden from 1769 to 1775. In his portrait by Copley, which was painted in London after the Revolution, he is represented as "sitting partly in profile, dressed in a brown coat, with a white wig. His right hand rests upon a table before him, holding a pen, and over his head is a crimson curtain, with sky in the background. It is a fine specimen of Copley's latest manner." (Perkins, *Works of John Singleton Copley*, p. 51.) This portrait was bequeathed to his son Lewis, and from him it passed to Lewis's daughter Charlotte, after whose death it was sold to Mrs. Augustus Thorndike Perkins.\*

The baptisms of the children of Gilbert and Ann (Coffin) De Blois, except Stephen, are recorded in the register of King's Chapel. Stephen's baptism is found in the register of Trinity Church.

#### Children:

- i. ANN,<sup>4</sup> b. 17 July 1752; d. 14 Sept. 1753.
- ii. ANN, b. 2 July 1754; d. 14 Sept. 1755.
8. iii. GILBERT, b. 20 Sept. 1755.
- iv. STEPHEN, b. 15 June 1757; d. 15 June 1758.
9. v. WILLIAM, b. at Medford, Mass., 7 Oct. 1758.
10. vi. LEWIS, b. 25 May 1760.
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. 16 Aug. 1761; d. unm. at Roxbury 27 Oct. 1843; bur. in the family tomb in King's Chapel. "Miss Betsey" De Blois has passed into history as one of Boston's noted eighteenth-century

\* A copy of this Copley portrait, made early, and other interesting portraits of his De Blois and Amory ancestors, besides a valuable painting of his uncle Thomas Amory De Blois, LL.D., of Portland, are in the possession of Dr. Thomas Amory De Blois of Boston. Dr. De Blois has also many letters written by members of the De Blois family in the earlier generations.

belles. In her youth she was wooed by "the altogether unexceptionable" Mr. Martin Brimmer, but her mother disapproved of the match, and just as the wedding ceremony was about to be performed, entered the church (perhaps King's Chapel) and forbade the marriage. The town record of Boston marriages has this significant entry: "Mr. Martin Brimmer and Mrs. Elizabeth De Blois (forbid), July 24, 1777." In the REGISTER, vol. 11, pp. 75, 76, the story of the tragical ending of this romantic love-match is interestingly told, and a letter from Benedict Arnold to Mrs. Knox, wife of General Knox, is also given, in which, under date of 4 Mar. 1777, Arnold incloses a missive to "the heavenly Miss Deblois," with whom he also was evidently much in love. This letter from Arnold to Mrs. Knox is also printed in the REGISTER, vol. 26, p. 201. In her grandfather's will, as we have seen, Elizabeth De Blois's name occurs. It was placed there, however, not when the will was written, but in the early part of the succeeding year, 1778. In this insertion, which is made above the original line in the will, immediately after the name Elizabeth appears the word "Reconcil'd," and we have here, no doubt, unexpected testimony to the family's displeasure at the young lady's determination to become Mr. Brimmer's wife. When the match was finally given up, her family became reconciled to her and she found her proper place in her grandfather's will. Miss De Blois inherited almost all her mother's property, including the house on Tremont Street, and apparently lived there in "single-blessedness and high respectability" until well on towards 1840, when she removed to Roxbury. She is said to have remained almost to the last "a straight, tall, elegant woman." Her will, dated 27 Dec. 1830, is recorded at Dedham.

- viii. FRANCIS, b. 4 Apr. 1763; d. unm. in Boston 18 Mar. 1786.
  - 11. ix. STEPHEN, b. 4 Apr. 1764.
  - x. ANN, b. 10 Aug. 1765; d. 6 Sept. 1765.
  - xi. JOHN, b. 24 Dec. 1767; d. unm. in London, England, 8 Mar. 1784.
  - xii. JAMES SMITH, b. 3 Jan. 1769; was purser of the frigate *Constitution*; d. of fever, 29 Nov. 1803, in the harbor of Smyrna. He was named for James Smith, sugar-baker of Boston, a warden of King's Chapel. (*Vide supra*, p. 9.)
  - xiii. ISAAC, b. 12 June 1770; d. 28 Jan. 1771.
  - xiv. ANN, b. 8 Oct. 1771; d. 11 Oct. 1774.
  - xv. RALPH, b. 7 Feb. 1773; d. 14 July 1774.
  - xvi. LUCY ANN, b. 5 Nov. 1774; d. 10 Aug. 1775.
5. LEWIS<sup>3</sup> DE BLOIS (*Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born in New York 9 Sept. 1727, became like his brother Gilbert a successful importer of and dealer in hardware and other foreign goods in Boston. His place of business in 1756 and 1757 was at the "Sign of the Golden Eagle" in Dock Square, but in July 1763 it was at the foot of King Street. He announces, 24 Oct. 1763, that he has removed his stock of goods from King Street to his "late dwelling house on Dock Square." He announces also, 25 July 1763, that he intends to sail for England early in the next spring, and he wishes all persons indebted to him to settle their accounts. At this time he advertises for sale "a curious toned harpsicord just imported from London," which "is esteemed the master piece of the famous Falconer." He also advertises for church use an organ made by Mr. Thomas Johnston of Boston, formerly used in the Concert Hall. He calls for lumber, codfish, and mackerel. In 1774, when he becomes a "protester and addresser," he is called "Shopkeeper" in Dock Square. (*Mass. Hist. Soc. Proceedings*, Vol. 11, p. 392.) In Mar. 1776, with a family of two, he went with Howe's fleet to Halifax, from there, very likely in May, sailing with his brother Gilbert and other

Loyalists for England. (*Mass. Hist. Soc. Proceedings*, vol. 18, p. 266.) With his brother he was proscribed and banished in 1778. He was a vestryman of King's Chapel from 1763 to 1776. In 1754 he exchanged his pew, No. 68, in the church with Samuel Withered for pew No. 66.

Lewis De Blois married first, in Boston, 4 Sept. 1748 (Rev. Timothy Cutler, D.D., officiating), ELIZABETH JENKINS, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Goddard), who was born 16 Aug. 1730 and died 16 or 17 June 1767. He married secondly, 25 Dec. 1770, ELIZABETH DEBUKE, who died in England 23 Nov. 1799, aged 74. He died in England 9 Feb. 1799, and in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. 69, part 1, p. 173, appeared the following notice: "Very suddenly at his apartments in Holborn, after being out on that day, Mr. Lewis Deblois, late merchant in Boston, North America." He was probably buried in London. Administration of his estate was granted in Boston, 9 Sept. 1800, to his eldest son George.

Children by first wife:

12. i. GEORGE,<sup>4</sup> called "Jr.," b. 27 Oct. 1750.
  - ii. SARAH, b. 29 Dec. 1753; m. 25 Dec. 1771, in King's Chapel Parish, her father's first cousin, GEORGE<sup>3</sup> DE BLOIS, called "Sr.," b. at Oxford 6 Mar. 1739/40, founder of the Halifax, Nova Scotia, branch of the family. (*Vide infra*, 7.)
  13. iii. LEWIS, b. 10 Apr. 1762.
  - iv. GILBERT, b. 20 Dec. 1763; d. at Providence, R. I., June 1785, probably without issue.
6. STEPHEN<sup>3</sup> DE BLOIS, JR. (*George*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born at Oxford in 1735, came, it is said, in a warship to Newport, R. I., at the age of thirteen, and decided, like his brother George, to make New England his home. On the earliest stages of his business career no light is thrown; but in Sept. 1757 "Wickham and De Blois"\* advertise in the *Boston Gazette*, at the "Sign of the Golden Eagle, opposite to Dr. Tweedy's," and at their store "opposite to Col. Malbone's brick house," a large stock of hardware, India goods, etc. In May 1763 Stephen De Blois, Jr., advertises a similar, though larger stock at his shop at the "Sign of the Golden Eagle," Dock Square, Boston, George De Blois, his brother, also announcing in the same advertisement a mixed stock of hardware, spices, silks, threads, canvas, hour-glasses, coffee-mills, etc., at his shop in Salem. (*Boston Gazette*, May 9, 1763.) It will thus be seen that Stephen, Jr.'s, place of business in Boston at this time was the same as that of his cousin Lewis, but what business connection there was between the two does not appear. In the *News Letter* of February 23 and March 15, 1764, Stephen, Jr., informs the public that he has opened a store in Dedham, at the house of Dr. Nathaniel Ames (the almanac-maker), where he has a large stock of hardware. He will take in exchange for new goods old pewter and brass. This temporary removal, like that of his cousin Gilbert to Weston at the same time, was made necessary by the epidemic of smallpox raging in Boston. How soon after this Stephen, Jr., removed permanently to Newport, R. I., is not known, but the *Biographical Cyclopaedia of R. I.*, part 1, p. 114, says that in Newport he was first an importer of hardware, then a shipping merchant and ship-owner, altogether one of the most considerable merchants in the town.

\* The name of this Newport firm was later "De Blois and Wickham."

In the Revolution he was a Tory, and for a while he left Newport for New York; but he resettled there in Aug. 1784, and in 1790 his household is described as consisting of one male over 16, two males under 16, six white females, and two slaves. His dwelling-house was on Thames Street, "opposite the old Ruggles house," and there he died, 15 Feb. 1805, in his 70th year. He was a vestryman of Trinity Parish, Newport, and is buried in Trinity Churchyard. The inscription on his tombstone calls him a "respectable citizen and merchant of Newport," and the *Biographical Cyclopaedia* says that he was generous, enterprising, public-spirited, and foremost in every movement for the prosperity and welfare of the town.

He married first,\* at Newport, 9 Dec. 1767, REBECCA WICKHAM; and secondly, 15 Mar. 1779, JANE or JENNY BROWN, who died 8 July 1829, aged 78, and whose inscription may be read in Trinity Churchyard.

Child by first wife:

- i. GEORGE,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 12 Aug. 1770 in Trinity Parish, Newport.

Children by second wife:

- ii. ANN, m. CAPT. ROBERT ROBINSON of Newport.
- iii. STEPHEN, m. SARAH ELLIS DEAN.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. 15 Oct. 1786; m. TIMOTHY PEARCE.
- v. REBECCA, bapt. Jan. 1788, when 3 months old; m. DAVID THATCHER.
- vi. JOHN, bapt. 2 Dec. 1790; m. SARAH COOKSON SCOTT.
- vii. JANE, bapt. 16 Mar. 1797; d. unm. at Newport abt. 1878.

7. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> DE BLOIS (*George*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), called "Sr.," born at Oxford 6 Mar. 1739/40, reached Boston, Mass., in Jan. 1761, and on Christmas Day, 1771, being then of Salem, married, in King's Chapel Parish, SARAH<sup>4</sup> DE BLOIS, daughter of Lewis,<sup>3</sup> his first cousin, and Elizabeth (Jenkins). Sarah De Blois was born in Boston 29 Dec. 1753. (*Vide supra*, 5.)

George De Blois lived at Salem, but seems to have had business connections with his relatives Gilbert, Lewis, and Stephen De Blois, and was in business with George De Blois, Jr. Like his cousins in Boston he was an ardent Tory, and in 1774 signed addresses to Hutchinson and Gage. In Apr. 1775 he was obliged to flee from Salem, leaving behind him property valued at £438. 11. 5½, of which, however, he recovered a good deal. (*Essex Institute Historical Collections*, vol. 43, p. 302.) When he saw that it was necessary to leave Salem, he first planned to go to Boston, but this plan he found impracticable, and he therefore embarked for Halifax, 29 Apr. 1775, in the brig *Minerva*, with his own family, a Mrs. Cottnam and her family, Dr. John Prince, and Mr. James Grant. He left Halifax, 14 June 1777, in the transport *Catherine*, for New York, where he staid for three years, until 28 July 1781, when he left New York harbor on the *Britannic* for Halifax, sailing 1 Aug. from Sandy Hook. He reached Halifax again 14 Aug. 1781, and establishing a commission business lived there, perhaps without again visiting the United States, until 1799. In the latter year, in very poor health, and accompanied by his daughter Sarah, he left Halifax, 4 May, in the schooner *Mary* for Boston. After eight days he

\* This is believed to have been his first marriage.

reached Boston, and from there went to Newport, R. I. In Newport his illness increased, and he died, 18 June 1799, probably at his brother's house. In the churchyard of Trinity Church is a tombstone, on which is the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of George De Blois, Esq., a reputable merchant of Halifax, Nova Scotia, who departed this life the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, 1799, in the 59<sup>th</sup> year of his age; and of his sister, Mary De Blois, died December 11, 1818, aged 75 years."

On the 8th of May, 1802, a little less than three years after her husband's death, Mrs. George De Blois sailed from Halifax in the schooner *Mary* with her sons Stephen Wastie and William Minet and her daughters Lydia and Ann Maria, to make her home once more in Massachusetts. The next month the sons returned to Halifax, but the mother and daughters remained at Dedham. At Halifax the sons continued their father's business in the name of their mother, Sarah De Blois. It is not known in what year Mrs. De Blois herself returned to Halifax; but she died there at the house of her son Stephen Wastie, 25 Dec. 1827, "aged 74."

Children:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup> b. 20 Nov. 1772; bapt. in St. Peter's Parish, Salem. Stephen<sup>2</sup> De Blois of Boston records in his family Bible: "My grand-daughter Sarah was delivered of a daughter, November 20, 1772." Elizabeth De Blois m. at the house of her sister Sarah Boggs in Halifax, 16 Sept. 1802, LIEUT. WILLIAM DESPARD, bachelor, of the 7th Regt., Royal Fusiliers, nephew of Lieut.-Gen. Despard. Children: 1. *Harriet Murray*. 2. *Philip*, a captain in the army. 3. *Letitia*. 4. *George Packenham*, a clergyman of the English Church.
- ii. SARAH, b. at Salem 18 Aug. 1774; m. at Halifax 3 Sept. 1800, by Rev. Robert Stanser, afterwards Bishop of Nova Scotia, to THOMAS BOGGS, son of Dr. James and Mary (Morris). b. 1771. Children: 1. *James George*. 2. *Ann Ansell*. 3. *Sarah*. 4. *Thomas*. 5. *Fanny*. 6. *Henry*. 7. *George*. 8. *Stephen*. 9. *Bowman*. 10. *Kate*. 11. *Edwin*, d. young.
- iii. MARY, b. at Halifax 20 June 1776; bapt. in St. Paul's Parish by Rev. Dr. John Breynton.
- iv. REBECCA, b. in New York 5 Mar. 1778; bapt. there 7 Apr. following by Rev. William Walter, D.D.; m. May 1811 Rev. JOHN BARTLETT, a graduate of Harvard, pastor of the Second Congregational (Unitarian) Parish, Marblehead, Mass., from 1811 to 1849; d. 24 Dec. 1858. Children: 1. *John Stephen*. 2. *Sarah Lydia*. 3. *Samuel William*. 4. *George Edward*. 5. *Mary Susan*. 6. *Lewis De Blois*.
14. v. STEPHEN WASTIE, b. in New York 16 Jan. 1780.
15. vi. GEORGE LEWIS, b. at Halifax 17 June 1782.
- vii. LYDIA HARRIET (OR HARRIOT), b. at Halifax 19 June 1784; m. at Dedham, Mass., 25 Nov. 1805, Rev. JAMES FLINT, D.D. b. at North Reading, Mass., 10 Dec. 1779. d. at Salem 4 Mar. 1855. Dr. Flint was graduated at Harvard in 1802, and settled first at East Bridgewater, Mass. He then became pastor of the East Church (Unitarian) of Salem. Children: 1. *Sarah Ann*. 2. *Frances Maria*. 3. *Amelia Grant*. 4. *James*. 5. *William De Blois*. 6. *Elizabeth Despard*. 7. *Henry Elkins*. 8. *George Herbert*. 9. *Caroline Danforth*.
- viii. ANN MARIA (OR MARY ANN), b. at Halifax 19 or 20 July 1787; bapt. by Rev. Joshua Wingate Weeks; d. unm. at Dedham, Mass., 30 Oct. 1802, in her 16th year.
- ix. FRANCIS EDWIN, b. 25 Oct. 1789; bapt. by Rev. Joshua Wingate Weeks; d. 27 July 1790.
16. x. WILLIAM MINET, b. 7 or 10 Nov. 1795.

8. GILBERT<sup>4</sup> (*Gilbert*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born 20 Sept. 1755, married an English wife, whose name we do not know. In the Revolution he sympathized with the American cause, and thus incurred his father's severe displeasure. He died probably 12 Nov. 1803.

Child:

17. i. FRANCIS GILBERT,<sup>5</sup> b. abt. 1781.

9. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> DE BLOIS (*Gilbert*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born at Medford, Mass., 7 Oct. 1758, and baptized in King's Chapel 20 Oct. 1758, married, 11 Sept. 1785, SARAH WILLIAMS, who was born at Salem, Mass.

A merchant in Boston, he was also captain of a ship, and about 1796 was seized by the French and taken to Bordeaux. In 1789 he was in Georgia. In 1786-87, in 1796-97, and possibly between 1788 and 1796, he was a vestryman of King's Chapel. In 1785 he owned pew No. 55 in the Chapel; and in the same year pew No. 9, which as early as 1754 had been acquired by Samuel Wentworth, father of Lady Frances Wentworth, was sold to him by the wardens.

He died in London, and administration on the estate of "William De Blois, mariner," was granted in Boston, 26 Jan. 1807, to Thomas Appleton, trader.

Children:

18. i. GILBERT,<sup>5</sup> b. 24 June 1786.  
 ii. SALLY WILLIAMS, b. 12 May 1788; bapt. in King's Chapel 9 Nov. 1788; m. 28 Sept. 1809, by Rev. John Sylvester John Gardiner, D.D., to JOHN CLARK BROWN, son of Josiah and Susanna (Clark), b. 19 Dec. 1781. Children: 1. *John De Blois*, b. 1813. 2. *Sarah*, b. 1819. 3. *Susanna Elizabeth*, b. 13 May 1820. 4. *Augusta Magee*, b. 13 July 1822. 5. *Hannah Louisa*, b. Feb. 1826.  
 iii. CHARLES JARVIS, bapt. in King's Chapel 12 Aug. 1792; d. young.  
 iv. AUGUSTA, bapt. 18 Aug. 1795.  
 v. AUGUSTA SMITH, bapt. 8 Nov. 1796; m. JAMES MAGEE.  
 vi. THOMAS MELVILLE, b. 1800; d. unm. at Salem 25 Feb. 1892, aged 92. He lived first at Halifax, N. S., where he was clerk to Stephen Wastie De Blois (Bowie and De Blois), and afterwards at Bathurst, Richibucto, and St. John, N. B.  
 vii. CAROLINE LOUISA, bapt. at Charlestown, Mass., 27 Oct. 1805 (record at King's Chapel); m. (1) CHARLES CHURCH CHANDLER TUCKER; m. (2) 25 Aug. 1842 ASAHEL HUNTINGTON, Esq., of Salem, for whom see *Essex Inst. Hist. Coll.*, vols. 11. pp. 81-114, and 15, p. 295; d. at Salem 17 Aug. 1888, aged 82. Children by second husband: 1. *William De Blois*, b. 15 Aug. 1843; d. at Manila Mar. 1868. 2. *Sarah Louisa*, b. 23 July 1845. 3. *Arthur Lord*, b. 23 July 1848; d. 19 Oct. 1902.

10. LEWIS<sup>4</sup> DE BLOIS (*Gilbert*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born 25 May 1760, married, 21 July 1789, RUTH HOOPER DALTON, daughter of Hon. Tristram and Ruth (Hooper) of Newburyport, Mass., who was born 17 May 1767. He was living in New York 11 Nov. 1789, as his father's will shows. He was a purser in the U. S. Navy in the War of 1812, was afterwards stationed as purser at the Charlestown navy-yard, whither he was ordered 18 May 1815, and was subsequently Portuguese consul at Boston. He died in Boston 24 Mar. 1833, and was buried in the De Blois tomb.

Children:

- i. MARY ANN,<sup>5</sup> b. 1790; d. unm.  
 ii. CHARLOTTE, b. abt. 1791; d. unm. at Boston 24 July 1881, aged 90.

- iii. ELIZABETH, b. at Philadelphia, 1792; d. unm. at Boston 4 May 1849, aged 56. Her will, dated 6 Apr. 1849, mentions her brother Dalton and her sisters Matilda and Charlotte.
- iv. JOHN, d. unm.
- v. MATILDA D., b. at Georgetown, D. C., abt. 1798; d. unm. at Boston 6 Aug. 1863, aged 65.
- vi. DALTON, b. abt. 1800; d. unm. at Boston 11 Apr. 1854, aged 54. Administration of his estate was granted to his sister Matilda, 29 May 1854.

11. STEPHEN<sup>4</sup> DE BLOIS (*Gilbert*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born in Boston 4 Apr. 1764, married, 25 Sept. 1792 (Rev. Samuel Parker officiating), his first cousin, ELIZABETH AMORY, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Coffin), who was born 26 July 1768 and died 21 Oct. 1850. He died at the United States Hotel, Boston, where he had long made his home, 3 June 1850.

He went to Portland, Me., soon after the conclusion of peace with Great Britain, in 1783, opened a store at the corner of Exchange and Middle Streets, Portland, and in 1788 purchased that property of Dea. Richard Codman. In his father's will, dated 11 Nov. 1789, he is mentioned as living at Portland. Two years after his marriage he returned to Boston to reside. (REGISTER, vol. 10, p. 63, and vol. 22, p. 199.)

Children:

- i. STEPHEN,<sup>5</sup> JR., b. abt. 1793; d. at Boston 21 July 1817, aged 24; bur. in the De Blois tomb. He had been long at Savannah, Ga.
- ii. THOMAS AMORY, b. at Boston Dec. 1794; bapt. in Trinity Parish, Boston, 4 Jan. 1795; m. DORCAS DEERING, daughter of James of Portland, Me.; d. at Portland, Me., 14 Sept. 1867, without issue, aged 72 years, 9 months. His wife survived him. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1813, and practised law at Portland, Me. During the administrations of Presidents Taylor and Fillmore he was U. S. district attorney for Maine, and in 1857 represented Portland in the legislature. Bowdoin College conferred on him in 1867 the degree of LL.D. (See biographical sketch in REGISTER, vol. 22, p. 199.)
- 19. iii. JOHN AMORY, b. in Boston in 1797.
- iv. ELIZABETH AMORY, bapt. 12 Aug. 1799; d. 1876.
- v. CATHARINE CODMAN, bapt. 25 June 1801; d. young.
- vi. MARY NEWELL, b. 1804; d. 1876.
- vii. NATHANIEL JAMES, bapt. 18 May 1806; m. abt. 1845 MRS. ANGÉLIQUE L. V. (ROUSSE) HURD; d. s.p. at Boston 13 Aug. 1858, aged 52.
- viii. EDWARD A., bapt. 2 Aug. 1808; d. at New Orleans in 1832.

12. GEORGE<sup>4</sup> DE BLOIS (*Lewis*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), called "Jr.," born 27 Oct. 1750, married first, in Boston, 10 Oct. 1773, CATHARINE LAUGHTON, who died at Halifax, Nova Scotia, 21 Apr. 1776, aged 24;\* secondly, in New York City, 11 Aug. 1777, LYDIA SCOTT; and thirdly, 22 June 1809, MRS. RUTH (HOOPER) JENKINS of Newburyport, Mass., widow of Lewis Jenkins. He died in Boston, 6 Sept. 1819, aged 69, and was buried in the De Blois tomb in King's Chapel. In pursuance of the widow's petition in 1819, administration of the estate of George De Blois was granted to George Lewis<sup>4</sup> De Blois, son of George,<sup>3</sup> a nephew and second cousin of the deceased, and the widow herself was appointed, 8 Nov. 1819, guardian of her two children.

\*In the register of St. Paul's Parish, Halifax, where this record is found, there is also recorded the burial, 23 Apr. 1776, of a Charlotte De Blois, the name Charlotte being here undoubtedly an error for Catharine.

At the time of his first marriage George De Blois was living at Newburyport. In a memorial to the British Government, claiming recompense for losses he had sustained in the Revolution, he says that at the beginning of the war he was settled in Newburyport, Mass., but that in April, 1775, he embarked with his family for the River St. John. When his uncle Gilbert's will was made he was probably living in Boston.

Children, by third wife :

- i. GEORGE,<sup>5</sup> b. 30 Dec. 1810; bapt. in Trinity Parish, Boston, 25 Apr. 1811.
- ii. ELIZABETH JENKINS, b. 20 Nov. 1811; bapt. in Trinity Parish, Boston, 2 Feb. 1812.

13. LEWIS<sup>4</sup> DE BLOIS, JR. (*Lewis*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born in Boston, 10 Apr. 1762, and baptized in King's Chapel, is said to have been in 1777 in the employ of Stephen De Blois of Newport, R. I. He married, but his wife's name is unknown. In his *American Loyalists* Sabine confuses Lewis, Jr., with his father Lewis; but Sabine's statement that after the peace Lewis was a merchant in St. John, N. B., and in 1795 a member of the Loyal Artillery there, properly refers to Lewis, Jr., and is undoubtedly true. He died at St. John, 9 Oct. 1801, "aged 39."

Children :

- i. MARY,<sup>5</sup> d. unm.
- ii. ELIZABETH CRANSTON, m. at St. John, N. B., JAMES WHITE, Esq., Sheriff of the County of St. John.
- iii. THOMAS L., a sea-captain, lost at sea; no children.
- iv. GEORGE, mate with his brother Thomas L.; d. in Jamaica, W. I.

14. STEPHEN WASTIE<sup>4</sup> DE BLOIS (*George*,<sup>3</sup> *Sr.*, *George*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>) born in New York, 16 Jan. 1780, and baptized there 13 Feb. following by Rev. William Walter, D.D., married JANE CATHARINE ———, who died 17 June 1854, aged 52.

He was a prominent merchant at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and was at first attached to St. Paul's Parish. In the defection from that parish, 1824–1826, however, he withdrew, and connected himself with St. George's; and on the south wall of St. George's Church, the "Round Church," there is a tablet to his memory.

He died 26 Dec. 1848, and is buried in St. George's Church plot in Camp Hill Cemetery, Halifax, where his wife and other members of the family also lie. In his will, dated 18 Apr. 1844, he mentions his wife, his two sons, his daughter Sarah Wastie, then under 21, and his nephew, Rev. George Packenham Despard.

Children :

20. i. GEORGE WASTIE<sup>5</sup>.
- ii. SAMUEL WASTIE, barrister, b. probably in 1827; d. unm. at Halifax 23 Mar. 1870, aged 43.
- iii. SARAH WASTIE, m. ALBERT HENSLEY, Esq., of Charlottetown, P.E.I., and has issue.

15. GEORGE LEWIS<sup>4</sup> DE BLOIS (*George*,<sup>3</sup> *Sr.*, *George*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born at Halifax 17 June 1782, and baptized by Rev. John Breynton, D.D., removed in early life to Boston, where he became a well-known shipping merchant, connected successively with the firms of Coolidge, De Blois and Co., George L. De Blois and Co., and Skinner and De Blois.

He married in Boston AMELIA GRANT, daughter of Moses of Boston, who was born 2 Mar. 1792, and died 20 Aug. 1867. He died 22 or 23 Oct. 1837, and is buried in the family tomb in King's Chapel. The guardianship of her three youngest children was granted, 21 Mar. 1842, to Amelia De Blois.

Children:

- i. STEPHEN GRANT,<sup>5</sup> b. in Boston 1 Aug. 1816; m. 29 Oct. 1850 AMELIA D. GRANT, dau. of Samuel of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of Boston; d. without issue 5 Apr. 1888. For many years he was a prominent member of Trinity Church, Boston. (See REGISTER, vol. 44, pp. 324-325.)
  21. ii. GEORGE LEWIS, JR., b. in Boston 6 Jan. 1822.
  - iii. ELIZABETH, m. FREDERICK BUSH of Boston.
  - iv. SARAH ANN, m. JAMES BUSH of Boston.
  - v. ANNE E., m. (1) CAPT. NYE; m. (2) 22 July 1858 ALEXANDER PERCEVAL, Esq., of Temple House, co. Sligo, Ireland, barrister, b. 25 June 1821, third son of Alexander Perceval, Esq., of Temple House, J. P., Lieut.-Col. of the Sligo militia, Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Lords, and his wife Jane Anne (L'Estrange). (See Burke's Landed Gentry.)
  - vi. FRANCIS EDWARD, drowned in Ipswich Bay.
16. WILLIAM MINET<sup>1</sup> DE BLOIS (*George*,<sup>3</sup> *Sr.*, *George*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born at Halifax 7 or 10 Nov. 1795, and baptized by Rev. Robert Stanser, D.D., married JANE VERMILYE PRYOR, daughter of John and Sarah (Stevens), who was baptized at Halifax 19 Jan. 1802. He died 27 Dec. 1837; and his widow was married, secondly, to George W. Daniel, and lived in Nevis, British West Indies.

Children:

- i. EDWARD PRYOR,<sup>5</sup> a merchant at Halifax.
- ii. SARAH JANE, m. 17 Sept. 1846 LORD WILLIAM KENNEDY, then Captain R. A., b. 30 Nov. 1823, d. 5 Mar. 1868, sixth child of Archibald, Earl of Cassilis, grandson of Archibald, twelfth Earl of Cassilis and first Marquis of Ailsa, and younger brother of Archibald, second Marquis of Ailsa; d. 5 Feb. 1875. Children: 1. *Mary Oswald*. 2. *William*. 3. *Mabel Esme*.
- iii. EMMA SOPHIA, m. CAPT. CHARLES AUSTEN, R. N., son of Admiral Sir Charles Austen, R. N., and nephew of Miss Jane Austen, the novelist.
- iv. REV. STEPHEN WILLIAM, D.D., b. at Halifax 4 Aug. 1827; bapt. in St. Paul's Parish by Rev. Edward Wix, Bishop's Chaplain; graduated at Acadia College, Wolfville, Nova Scotia; m. at Wolfville, 14 Feb. 1855, MARY SOPHIA FITCH, dau. of Simon, Jr., and Sophia Henrietta (DeWolf), b. 24 June 1827. Children: 1. *Henrietta Sophia*, b. 29 Dec. 1855; d. 29 Aug. 1859. 2. *Rev. Austen Kennedy*, Ph.D., LL.D., now of Boston, Mass., who m. Erminie Dagmar Day, and has children. (Eaton's History of King's Co., Nova Scotia, pp. 487, 625.)
- v. JANE VERMILYE, b. 19 July 1829; d. unm. at Plymouth, England, probably in 1903.
- vi. REV. HENRY DESPARD, M.A., D.C.L., a clergyman of the Church of England in Nova Scotia and rural dean, b. at Halifax 13 Oct. 1831; bapt. in St. Paul's Parish; graduated at King's College, Windsor, N. S.; d. at Annapolis Royal 6 June 1911. He m. (1) ELEANOR ESMOND SPURR, dau. of Thomas and Charlotte (Van Buskirk); m. (2) 4 Feb. 1891 MARGARET MARY McLACHLAN of Lunenburg, N. S. Children by first wife: 1. *Henry*, m. in Central America a lady of Spanish origin, and has three children. 2. *William Minet*, m. Bessie Ritchie, dau. of Rev. James J. of Annapolis Royal, and has three children. 3. *Frederic*, living in Central America, probably unm. 4. *Emily Charlotte*, m. Charles McCormick, merchant, of Annapolis Royal.

vii. WILLIAM MINET, JR., solicitor.

viii. FREDERICK CHARLES, b. 5 May 1838; d. young.

ix. LOUIS GEORGE, M.D., a well-known physician of Bridgetown, N. S., m. 25 June 1863 ARMANILLA WILLETT of Granville, N. S., dau. of Walter and Rebecca (Gilliatt). Children: 1. *Louis William*. 2. *Ella Jane*, m. (1) Hastings Freeman of Shelburne, N. S.; m. (2) Harry V. Barrett of Boston, Mass.

17. FRANCIS GILBERT<sup>5</sup> (*Gilbert*,<sup>4</sup> *Jr.*, *Gilbert*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1781, was baptized in Trinity Parish, Boston, as an adult, 24 Feb. 1808, George De Blois and his wife acting as sponsors.

He married MILLICENT M. ———, who died in Boston, 25 Nov. 1834 or 1835, aged 46, and was buried in the family tomb in King's Chapel, administration on her estate being granted to Thomas W. Phillips, 28 Aug. 1837. He died in Boston, 18 Apr. 1831, aged 50, and was buried also in the tomb in King's Chapel. He and his wife Millicent were witnesses to the will of his grandmother, Ann De Blois.

The guardianship of their daughter Millicent De Blois (her middle name being either Alicia or Cecilia), aged about seventeen, was granted, 30 Oct. 1837, to George W. Phillips of Boston. After the death of their parents the younger children were much under the care of their great-aunt, Miss Elizabeth De Blois.

Children:

- i. GILBERT FRANCIS,<sup>6</sup> bapt. in Trinity Parish 29 June 1809; d. young.
- ii. ANN, d. unm.
- iii. ELIZABETH, d. unm.
- iv. MARGARETTA MARY, m. in Trinity Parish 9 June 1836, by Bishop Griswold, to Capt. PHILIP DUMARESQ, and had eight children. (REGISTER, vol. 17, p. 319; and Pickering Genealogy, p. 844.)
- v. MILLICENT ALICIA (or CECILIA), b. abt. 1820; d. unm.
- vi. FRANCIS GILBERT, b. 1822; d. 23 Dec. 1822, aged 11 mos.
- vii. JOHN, d. young.

18. GILBERT<sup>5</sup> DE BLOIS (*William*,<sup>4</sup> *Gilbert*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born 24 June 1786, married CAROLINE ANNIE ———, who was baptized in King's Chapel Parish, with her two elder sons, 26 June 1812. He died in Boston 9 Sept. 1820.

Children:

22. i. JOHN BROWN,<sup>6</sup> b. 1810.
- ii. WILLIAM LEWIS, bapt. in King's Chapel 26 June 1812; lived in Maine, where he m. and had issue.
- iii. AUGUSTA.
- iv. HENRY G., probably lived and d. unm. in Westchester Co., N. Y.

19. JOHN AMORY<sup>5</sup> DE BLOIS (*Stephen*,<sup>4</sup> *Gilbert*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born in Boston in 1797, and baptized in Trinity Parish 21 Sept. 1797, was graduated at Harvard in 1816. He married EMILY JANE ROUSSE, daughter of Jean Claude and Anne (Onfré), who was born in Virginia 21 Nov. 1822 and died in Boston 2 Feb. 1907. He died at Columbus, Ga., 30 May 1855, and administration of his estate was granted to Edward A. Dexter of Boston, 22 Oct. 1855.\*

\*The *Columbus Enquirer* of 5 June 1855 contains the following: "This sudden death of one of our leading merchants fills our entire community with profound sorrow. In all the relations of life Mr. John A. De Blois was a model man; he was one of the pillars of the Episcopal Church. He was a native of Boston, but has resided in this city since 1837, and has been actively engaged in the commission business as a member of the firm of Hall and De Blois, a firm which has contributed much to the prosperity of the city of Columbus by its extensive business relations with Northern manufacturers. Honest and upright in his business relations, social in his intercourse with his fellows, a model husband, father and citizen, he dies without leaving an enemy behind him, and his loss is deplored by the community as a public calamity."

## Children :

- i. THOMAS AMORY,<sup>6</sup> M.D., a well-known physician of Boston, b. 27 Jan. 1848; graduated at the U. S. Naval Academy and was for 18 years in the Navy; graduated later in medicine at Dartmouth in 1877 and at the University of New York in 1878; m. LOUISA DORINTHEA ANDERSON, dau. of Charles E. of New York. Children: 1. *Elizabeth Amory*. 2. *Lewis Amory*, S.B. (Harvard), 1899.
- ii. JOHN EDWARD, b. 1850; d. at Manila, 1875.
- iii. NATHANIEL JAMES, b. 1853; d. at Newport, R. I., 1900. He was of the firm of De Blois and Eldridge, Newport.

20. GEORGE WASTIE<sup>5</sup> (*Stephen Wastie*,<sup>4</sup> *George*,<sup>3</sup> *Sr.*, *George*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), married, probably at Charlottetown, P. E. I., SARAH FRANCES HAVILAND.

## Children :

- i. ALICE R.,<sup>6</sup> m. GEORGE PEATE.
- ii. ROBERT FITZGERALD, m. ——— DESBRISAY.
- iii. ADA MARIA.
- iv. GEORGE WALTER.
- v. LOUIS HEATH.
- vi. BESSIE (twin), b. abt. 1857; d. young.
- vii. FRANCES (twin), b. abt. 1857; d. 25 Feb. 1883, "in her 26<sup>th</sup> year"; bur. at Halifax.
- viii. KATHLEEN BEATRICE.
- ix. LAURA, d. unm.
- x. GEORGE DUNDES, killed by an accident at sea.
- xi. MARY PETERS, d. unm.

21. GEORGE LEWIS,<sup>5</sup> JR. (*George Lewis*,<sup>4</sup> *George*,<sup>3</sup> *Sr.*, *George*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born 6 Jan. 1822, married AMANDA MALVINA FULLER, and died 23 Jan. 1890.

## Children :

- i. JEANNIE,<sup>6</sup> m. (1) JAMES R. PAGE; m. (2) SAMUEL S. C. WILLIAMS.
- ii. HARRIET SMITH, m. EDWIN AUGUSTUS BOARDMAN.
- iii. GEORGE LEWIS, 3d, b. 17 Aug. 1867; graduated at Harvard in 1889; m. MARY BROOKS, dau. of John F., Esq.; is of the firm of Burroughs and De Blois of Boston; has a dau. *Elizabeth*.

22. JOHN BROWN<sup>6</sup> DE BLOIS (*Gilbert*,<sup>5</sup> *William*,<sup>4</sup> *Gilbert*,<sup>3</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>2</sup> *Louis*<sup>1</sup>), born at Bath, Me., in 1810, and baptized in King's Chapel 26 June 1812, married, 10 June 1838, LYDIA FILLEBROWN, who died 27 Nov. 1882, aged 76 years and 2 months. He died in Boston 17 Mar. 1887, aged 76 years, 6 months, and 15 days.

## Children :

- i. JOHN G.,<sup>7</sup> b. 20 Mar. 1839; d. 28 Oct. 1857.
- ii. GEORGE, b. 25 Oct. 1840; d. 17 Apr. 1843.
- iii. AUGUSTA ELIZABETH, b. at Cambridge, Mass., 23 Mar. 1843; d. at Boston 5 Nov. 1864.
- iv. CHARLES THOMAS, b. 29 May 1844; lives in Boston, unm.

An Isaac De Blois, Sabine says, "was in the service of the King, and a lieutenant. In 1784 a lot in the city of St. John, New Brunswick, was granted him by the Crown." He was probably another member of the Oxford, England, family, of whom we have no further knowledge. Nor have we any further knowledge of Elenor Deblois or Dublois, married, according to Boston records, 9 Sept. 1787 to Jonathan Bellows, or Violet Deblois, married 4 June 1789 to Prince Hunter.

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John Rathbun, who came, without doubt, from Lancashire, England, and probably settled at Dorchester, Mass., whence he removed to Block Island with the first settlers in 1661. Samuel Rathbun, the owner of the Bible, resided both at Newport and at Block Island. He was a man of prominence, and married Patience, daughter of Deputy-Governor John Coggeshall of Newport.

I was born August 3 1672—2 day of the week

Patience my wife was born 13-1670

We were married Nov. 3 1692 5 day of week

My son Thomas was born May 3-1695

My daughter Patience was born Aug. 21-1697

My daughter Mary was born Sept. 11-1700

My daughter Wait was born Dec. 30-1702

My son Samuel was born Apr. 4-1705

My son James was born Apr. 10-1707

My son Abraham was born Nov. 23-1709

My daughter Rebekah was born Jan. 9-1713

I Samuel Rathbun at my death Doe Leane this Bible to my son Samuel Rathbun & at his death to his son Walter Rathbun. I have writ this with my own hand Sept. 4 1743

Samuel Rathbun

John Dodge of Westerly departed this life May 18-1772 in the 88 year of his age.

Betty the wife of said John Dodge departed this life in Jan. 1767 being 80 years and 12 days old.

Patience Rathbun departed this life the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Aug. 1747 in the 78 year of her age and Samuel Rathbun her husband departed this life Jan. 24-1757 in the 85<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Samuel Rathbun was married to Elizabeth Dodge Mar. 15 1732.

My grandson Abraham Rathbun was born Feb. 22. 1757 and departed this life Mar. 29-1761 being 4 years-1 mo. & 7 days old & the above Samuel Rathbun departed this life Jan. 27-1780 in the 75 year of his age.

Samuel Rathbun son of Samuel & Patience was born Apr. 16-1705.

My wife Elizabeth was born Dec. 18-1714

My son Walter b. June 16-1734 on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the week about 9 in the morning.

My son Samuel b. July 10-1736 on the last day of the week about 5 in the morning.

My son Elijah was b. May 28-1740 on the fourth day of the week between 4 & 5 in the morning.

My daughter Betty was born Dec. 2-1742 on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the week about 2 in the afternoon.

The above said Samuel Rathbun departed this life Jan. 24 1780 in the 75 year of his age.

The above said Elizabeth Rathbun departed this life Aug 8-1793 in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Hannah Rathbun wife of Walter Rathbun departed this life March 16-1807 in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of her age

Walter Rathbun was born June 16-A.D. 1734

My wife Hannah was born May 7-1728 and we were married March 4-1756

My son Abraham was born Feb. 22-1757 who departed this life Mar 29-1761 aged four years one month and seven days.

My daughter Lydia was born Nov. 29-1758 who departed this life April 25, 1780 aged 22 years-seven months lacking 4 days.

My daughter Tamar was born Feb. 14-1761[? 1760]

My daughter Hannah was born Dec. 22 1764

My son Ezra was born April 29-1767 who departed this life about seven weeks of age.

My son James and daughter Catherine was born May 13, 1768

The above said Hannah Rathbun wife of Walter Rathbun who departed this life Mar 10-1807 in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of her age. The above said Walter Rathbun departed this life Jan. 14-1818 in the 84 year of his age.

The above Tamar Rathbun departed this life Oct. 25-1809 in the 49<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Hannah Rathbun above died July 2-1813 in the 49 year of her age.

The above Catherine departed this life Aug. 22, 1824 in the 56 year of her age

Daniel Mott husband of the above said Catherine departed this life March 4-1865 in the 91 year of his age.

Waty R. Mott was b. Sept. 8-1796 and on the fifth day of the week.

Walter R. Mott was born Oct. 2-1800 on the fifth day of the week.

Abraham R. Mott was born April 27-1806 on the first day of the week.

Lodowick Mott Junior & Waty R. Mott was m. Feb. 15-1815.

Our Daughter Catherine R. Mott was born Dec. 3-1819 on the sixth day of the week.

Walter R. Mott b. Oct. 2-1800 m Jan. 12-1826 Phebe D. Mott. Phebe D. Mott born March 15-1807.

Daughter Caty R. Mott born Oct. 8-1826—who departed this life June 27-1831 aged four years & eight months & nineteen days.

Daughter Waty R. Mott born Sept. 27-1829

Daughter Hannah R was born Oct. 8-1832

Daughter Sarah was born May 26-1834

Daughter Mary Catherine was born Jan-24-1844

Abraham Rathbone Mott son of Daniel Mott & Catherine Rathbone was born Apr. 27-1806—his wife Lucretia Dodge Ball daughter of Edmund Ball & Charity Dodge was born May 20-1811. were married Nov. 10-1830

Children :

Ezra R. who died in infancy.

Catherine born May 21-1832 died June 12-1846

Nathaniel born Dec. 18-1838 died Feb. 14-1864

Charity born July 20-1843 died Sept. 6-1859

Nathan born May 16-1846—m. Phebe C. Dickens

Phebe C. Dickens b. Feb. 27-1846

Only child of Nathan Mott and Phebe—a daughter—Lucretia Dodge Mott—born Nov. 19-1866—married Sept. 8-1886—Cassius Clay Ball son of Hon. Nicholas Ball and Eliza Millikin. Cassius Clay Ball b. Nov. 15-1854.

A daughter born to Cassius Clay Ball & Lucretia Mott Ball—Dec. 22-1887—named Lucretia Beatrice Ball.

Abraham Rathbone Mott died Aug. 19-1867

His wife Lucretia died Feb. 10-1864.

*New Shoreham, R. I.*

LUCRETIA MOTT BALL.

DE BLOIS: ADDITIONS.—Since the publication of the article entitled "The De Blois Family," in the present volume of the REGISTER, pp. 6-21 (January, 1913), the following additional information about that family has been found. In each case the pedigree number of the person concerning whom statements are made and the page of the REGISTER on which that person's record is given have been inserted.

The house of Gilbert De Blois (4, p. 9), on the northeast corner of Tremont and Bromfield Streets, was destroyed by fire as early as 1838, perhaps earlier. On the same site was built the Boston Museum, which later became a publishing house, still later the Montgomery Hotel, and finally Horticultural Hall. This in time was supplanted by a new Horticultural Hall.

The following information about this Gilbert De Blois (4, pp. 8 *et seq.*) is printed in an address by Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Bishop of Rhode Island, entitled "An Historical Discourse delivered in St. John's Church, Providence, R. I., in commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Parish," Hartford, 1872, p. 35, Appendix :

"The close of the war left this Church indebted to Mr. Gilbert Deblois for the organ, who was at this time residing in London. It would seem that he had served a process upon the parish for payment, and a committee was appointed to write him and ask that 'he would give orders for withdrawing the process which had been commenced,' and, in consideration of their diminished means, consent to some abatement in his claim. 'We mean not, Sir, to obtrude a lengthy Epistle: possessing as you do the same holy Religion we persuade ourselves that your intention is not to distress the Church; having so long experienced the utility of an organ in Divine Worship, we should deeply deplore its loss.'

"Mr. Deblois replies, under date of London, Broadstairs, July 27, 1791. 'I wish you had settled that business with me while at Boston and in my power to favor the Church more than can now do, but after all my solicitations nothing

was done that I could accept the offer, which obliged me to leave the matter unsettled with my sister, for altho' the notes were taken in my name, it was wholly my Father's Property and a part of his Estate, wh<sup>ch</sup> to prevent falling into the Virtuous hands of the Committee of Confiscation at his Death, he made a will, and left his two Tory Sons five shillings each, giving the rest of his estate to their children, who since the Peace gave it back to self and Brother Lewis, who has agreed with me that you should pay Mr Amery Two hundred Pounds Sterl<sup>s</sup> and his fees, and to give up to the Church the remainder of the Interest of the s<sup>d</sup> notes wh<sup>ch</sup> is a large sum, and when you consider that not a shilling has been paid, either principal or interest, you must acknowledge the sums now fixed are generous. I heartily wish your Church to increase, and advise not to suffer any Unexperienced Person to clean your Organ, wh<sup>ch</sup> is equal to any of the size now in this Kingdom.'

"A subscription was made, amounting [to] £277.13s. 4d., and the matter was satisfactorily settled."

Gilbert De Blois (8, p. 15) married Elizabeth ———, the Boston *Independent Chronicle and Universal Advertiser* of 9 Jan. 1794 announcing the death of "Mrs. Elizabeth Deblois, wife of Mr. Gilbert Deblois, aet. 34."

Augusta Smith De Blois (9, v, p. 16) was married not to James but to Charles Magee. She had one child, Margaret Magee, who was married to John A. Walker, son of Judge William Walker of Lenox, Mass., to whom she bore four children: 1. William, who died young. 2. Mary Magee. 3. Elliot, who married in 1890 Alice Macy, daughter of the late Gen. Nelson Macy, and left three children, Nelson, Charles Elliot, and Margaret Walker. 4. Louisa Huntington.

Thomas Melville De Blois (9, vi, p. 15), according to information supplied by his niece, Miss Sarah Louisa Huntington, after his apprenticeship with Bowie & De Blois entered the civil service of the British government and was in the customs department of the post office, living at the various places named. When in the early fifties he left the customs service to go to California, he was in the direct line for promotion to the collectorship of the port of Quebec. On his return from California in 1862 or 1863 he spent some time at Salem, Mass., and then settled at St. John, N. B., where he established a merchants' reading-room. This was burned in the great fire at St. John, and although he re-established it, it never flourished so well again. In his birthday-book may be found the names of many of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick De Bloises.

Caroline Louisa De Blois (9, vii, p. 16) bore to her first husband, Charles C. C. Tucker, the following children: 1. Elizabeth, died young. 2. Richard Dalton, born 29 Jan. 1833, spent much of his life at Manila, in China, and in London, and died at Salem, Mass., in Apr. 1899. 3. Louisa, died young.

Lewis De Blois (10, p. 16) and his brother Francis (4, viii, p. 11), with others, arrived at Boston from London in the ship *Union*, 25 Sept. 1784. (Boston Records, Miscellaneous Papers.) This Lewis De Blois had a son, not recorded on page 16, as the following obituary notice from the Boston *Independent Chronicle and Universal Advertiser* of 18 July 1793 proves: "At Philadelphia, Master Dalton Deblois, only son of Mr. Lewis Deblois, merchant, of that city."

The wife of Nathaniel James De Blois (11, vii, p. 17) was Angélique Louise Virginie, daughter of Jean Claude and Anne (Onfré) Rousse, who was born in Virginia 22 July 1820. The Rousse family subsequently removed to Augusta, Ga., and later to Columbus, Ga. She married (1) in 1837 Homer Hurd, probably from Milwaukee, Wis., who died about 1839. The only child of this marriage was Emily Elizabeth Hurd, who was born in 1838 or 1839 and died unmarried 2 June 1909. Mrs. Hurd lived with her sister, Emily Jane Rousse, who was married 2 Jan. 1843 to John Amory De Blois (19, p. 20). About 1845 Mrs. Hurd married (2) Nathaniel James De Blois, younger brother of John Amory De Blois, her sister's husband. Nathaniel James De Blois died s.p. at the United States Hotel, Boston, 13 Aug. 1858, aged 52 years, 7 months, 28 days; and his widow married (3) at Newport, R. I., 6 Sept. 1864, as his second wife, Dr. Edward Linzee Cunningham of Boston, whose first wife was Adeline Elizabeth Amory. Dr. Cunningham was born in Boston 2 Jan. 1810, and died at Newport, R. I., in 1905, the last surviving member of the class of 1829 of Harvard College. His wife, Mrs. Angélique L. V. Cunningham, died at Newport 7 June 1898. The two brothers, John Amory and Nathaniel James De Blois, were at one time in the cotton business in the South, the former during the winter months purchasing cotton at Columbus, Ga., and sending it down the river, and the latter

shipping it by sea from Appalachicola, Fla. (Information of Dr. Thomas Amory De Blois of Boston; REGISTER, vol. 55, p. 422; *Heraldic Journal*, vol. 4, p. 41.)

Catharine Laughton, the first wife of George De Blois (12, p. 17), was daughter of Henry Laughton.

According to Arnold's Vital Record of Rhode Island, vol. 15, p. 30, the wife of Lewis De Blois, Jr. (13, p. 17) was Betsey Lawton, the *Providence Gazette* of 25 Dec. 1784, as quoted by Arnold, recording the marriage of Lewis Deblois "of this town, merchant, and Betsey Lawton, daughter of Isaac, late of Newport, at Nova Scotia." This Isaac Lawton was one of the five or six Lawtons who settled in New Brunswick during or at the close of the Revolution. (Sabine's American Loyalists, vol. 2; *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. 37, p. 211.) Lewis De Blois apparently had a daughter Sarah (perhaps the name Mary on p. 17 of the present volume of the REGISTER should be Sarah), for in the first Trinity Church at St. John, N. B., there was a tablet with the following inscription: "Sacred To the Memory of SARAH DEBLOIS, Late Superintendent in Trinity Church Sunday School, Who died 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1869, in the 78<sup>th</sup> Year of her Age. . . ." It is said also that Lewis De Blois had a son Gilbert.

It is said that Rev. Henry Despard De Blois (16, vi, p. 19) was born 7 Dec. 1830, and that 13 Oct. 1831 is the date of his baptism.

The *Columbian Centinel* of 26 Jan. 1805 announces the marriage of Francis Gilbert De Blois (17, p. 19) as follows: "In Philadelphia, on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr. Francis Deblois, to Miss Millicent Conner, both of this town."

Boston, Mass.

ARTHUR WENTWORTH HAMILTON EATON.

PLAISTED.—William Plaisted, whose son William married at Gilmanton, N. H., 29 Nov. 1781, Hannah<sup>3</sup> Huckins (*vide supra*, p. 183), was probably a grandson of William<sup>2</sup> (Roger<sup>1</sup>) Plaisted, who is mentioned in King's Lieut. Roger Plaisted, p. 11. He would be, therefore, William<sup>4</sup> Plaisted, mariner, husbandman, of Somersworth, N. H., 1743, of Moultonborough, N. H., 1774, and of New Hampton, N. H., 1779. He was born probably at Dover, N. H., about 1720, was living in 1788 (Strafford Deeds, vol. 10, p. 475), but is not found in the Census of 1790. He married about 1743 Judith<sup>4</sup> Ricker, daughter of John<sup>3</sup> and Hannah (Garland), who was born at Dover(?) 15 Nov. 1720 (*Maine Genealogist*, vol. 2, p. 107).

In June 1743 William Plaisted of Somersworth, mariner, bought 13 acres there of Thomas Tibbetts and Olive his wife (N. H. Deeds, vol. 27, p. 478). In June 1768 he conveyed 16 acres there (*ib.*, vol. 96, p. 32), and in Jan. 1774 his wife Judith released her right of dower in the same 16 acres, where she and her husband "now" live (Strafford Deeds, vol. 1, p. 131). Tate records in his manuscript diary (p. 84) that "Wed. Feb. 21, 1774. Mr William Plaisted & son Wm & families mov'd from Somersworth for a place called Moulton's Gore." In Dec. 1779 he bought 50 acres in the northeasterly corner of New Hampton, on the easterly slope of Pettee Hill, adjoining on the south lands of his son William and on the west lands of his son Samuel (Strafford Deeds, vol. 4, p. 159).

He is probably the William Plaisted who in 1776 was second lieutenant in the Moultonborough company (N. H. State Papers, vol. 12, p. 8, vol. 14, p. 296).

Children of William<sup>4</sup> and Judith (Ricker) Plaisted, born at Somersworth, N. H. (Tate's MS. Diary, p. 15): Hannah, 14 May 1745(?); William, 1750(?), for whom see below; Olive; Samuel, 1757.

William<sup>5</sup> Plaisted, son of William and Judith (Ricker), born about 1750, married (1) 1 Aug. 1769 Anne Ford, daughter of John, who was born probably at Berwick, Me. (Tate's MS. Diary, pp. 43, 49); he married (2) 29 Nov. 1781 Hannah<sup>5</sup> Huckins, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Fernald). By his first wife he had: Daniel, born at Somersworth in 1770; Naomi, born at Somersworth 26 Sept. 1771; a child, born at Somersworth 14 Oct. 1773, died on the same day; Ford, born perhaps at Moultonborough in 1775(?), said to have married ——— Ames and to have removed to Canada or to Philadelphia (*ib.*, p. 43). For children of William<sup>5</sup> Plaisted by his second wife, *vide supra*, p. 183.

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